

# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

November 4, 2013

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner’s Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on the 4<sup>th</sup>, day of November, 2013 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News. Board agendas are posted on the County’s website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov). Notice of the meeting and availability of the agenda were given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 agenda; 2. Approval of the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz and McDonald. Member Nichols Abstained. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 4,501.62
Alamar Uniforms, uniforms/supply -----	\$ 274.73
Capital Business Systems, copier lease -----	\$ 134.00
D&S Hardware, repair/supply -----	\$ 84.27
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,364.67
Irene Felker, mileage -----	\$ 68.93
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,110.33
Green Law Offices, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 659.72
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 82.95
Russel L. Jones, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 5,660.57
Paige Jones, clerical -----	\$ 80.00
Karen Keller, mileage -----	\$ 28.25
LaRue Dist., supply -----	\$ 153.04
Law Enforcement Systems, supply -----	\$ 210.60
Valerie Loghry, clerical -----	\$ 84.00
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee _____	\$ 157.16
Midwest Mailing Solutions, supply -----	\$ 170.00
NACCTFO Treasurer, dues -----	\$ 75.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 147.38
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 240.69



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Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 59.72
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 141.14
Redfield & Co., supply -----	\$ 294.91
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 656.33
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 36.49
Top Office Products, supply/lease -----	\$ 1,633.35
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.21
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 218.34
Ryan Wilcox, public defender -----	\$ 2,000.00

## ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 7,475.47
Brad's Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,477.33
D&S Hardware, supply -----	\$ 11.79
Tri-State Truck & Trailer, repair -----	\$ 202.77
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,882.16
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 175.14
Hamilton Heating & Refrigeration, bldg. repair -----	\$ 499.10
Husker Steel, culverts -----	\$ 7,096.70
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 792.74
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 42.84
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 191.25
The Nu-Towel Co., supply -----	\$ 315.00
PowerPlan – John Deere Financial, repair -----	\$ 1,029.84
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,041.45
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 484.50
Schamels Auto Supply, supply -----	\$ 18.48
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 26.00
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 387.83
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 74.27
Western Tire, repair -----	\$ 3,437.60

## E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Comm, service -----	\$ 465.48
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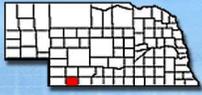
## NOXIOUS WEED FUND:

Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 888.48
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 243.93
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 47.97
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 23.69
Orscheln Farm & Home, supply -----	\$ 19.98
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 126.09

## 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 147.00
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Sheriff Bryan Leggott joined the meeting and discussion was held on vehicle bid specifications. Sheriff Leggott advised as to the state contract for fleet vehicles.



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Member Wertz moved to solicit bids for a 2014 model year, quad cab, short box ½ ton four wheel drive pickup pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-3111 with bid opening to be held at the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

The parking and sidewalk renovation/replacement bids were opened as published at 10:15 a.m.: Those present were Jim Hegwood with Hegwood Concrete Contractors, Shane Bennett with BSB Construction Inc., David Wilson with W-Design Associates, Custodian Karen Keller and Attorney Garner. Two bids were received and read aloud by Chair McDonald:

- Hegwood Concrete: Phase 1: \$52,951.00, Phase 2: \$40,424.00, Phase 3: \$87,567.00 and lump sum based proposal as single project \$164,492.00.
- BSB Construction: Phase 1: \$40,579.00, Phase 2: \$21,520.00, Phase 3: \$53,928.00 and lump sum based proposal as single project \$116,027.00
- Both bidders complied with security bid bond provisions

Bids were reviewed and discussed. Discussion held on electrical work relating to courtyard lighting, consultant's cost estimates, a change order relating to the addition of two lighting pads, and future concrete prices. Board reviewed project plans/drawings for each phase of the proposed project.

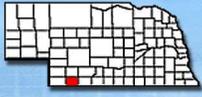
Member Wertz moved to accept the bid of BSB Construction for Phase 1 of the parking and sidewalk replacement project with Phases 2 and 3 being contingent upon future budgetary funding availability in the 2014/2015 budget year. Member McDonald seconded the motion. Further discussion was held on timing of the 3 phases and the possibility of a change order.

Member Wertz move to amend the foregoing motion to accept the bid of BSB Construction for Phase 1 of the parking and sidewalk replacement project with Phases 2 and 3 being contingent upon future budgetary funding availability in the 2014/2015 budget year with the completion date for Phase 1 being May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The motion to amend was seconded by McDonald and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the amendment to the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chair McDonald called for further discussion on the amended motion. There being none Chair asked for a roll call vote and the following members voted in favor of the motion as amended: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Mark Wilcox with Wilcox Financial Services met with the board with an update on implementation of moving the County's health insurance benefit to Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company. Mr. Wilcox advised that he had received new information on premium rates and the savings to the County wasn't what it was initially projected to be. Further Mr. Wilcox advised that with this new information, it was not financially feasible or advisable to make any changes in the County's insurance benefit at this time. Extensive discussion was held on health care reforms issues and how health care reform would impact employers in the coming months. Discussion was held on intervention based wellness programs and the positive impact said programs have on participants and the possible long term result of decreased insurance premiums. Attorney Garner advised as to previous board action relating to Wellness Partners Voluntary Wellness Program and Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company.

Based upon the information provided to the board this date and it appearing that there would be insignificant cost savings by changing insurance carriers at this time, it is the consensus of the board that it is the best interests of Hitchcock County and it's employees to remain with the present insurance carrier, that being the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) sponsored health insurance plan.



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Motion by Nichols to withdraw the application for health insurance previously submitted through Wilcox Financial Services. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilcox advised the board that he would have no objection to the board rescinding the Wellness Partners agreement executed on October 21, 2013 by and between Hitchcock County and Wilcox Financial Services.

Member Wertz moved to rescind the Wellness Partners contract by and between Hitchcock County and Wilcox Financial Services. Member McDonald seconded the same and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Board was in receipt of a letter of response from Assessor Judy McDonald relating to board inquires as to re-appraisal and employment issues.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$154.19 from Central Crude for oil production and \$2,109.07 from US Postal Service for unused postage from old meter, both credited to the General Fund.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, and McDonald. Member Nichols was absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret M. Pollmann

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

/s/ Scott McDonald

Scott McDonald, Chair

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